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SUBJECT: PRINCE JUAN CARLOS' VISIT TO FINLAND

JUNE 3 TO 6

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1. THE VISIT OF PRINCE JUAN CARLOS TO FINLAND CAME JUST AFTER SWEDISH KING CARL GUSTAV'S SECOND VISIT TO FINLAND IN SEVEN MONTHS. FACT THAT JUAN CARLOS VISIT COINCIDED WITH FINNISH GOVERNMENT CRISIS AND FINNISH PREOCCUPATION WITH CSCE PHASE II IN GENEVA AND IMMINENT PHASE III IN HELSINKI DILUTED SOMEWHAT IMPACT OF FIRST EVER SPANISH OFFICIAL VISIT TO FINLAND.

2. TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES WERE IN EFFECT FOR SPANISH PRINCE'S FOUR-DAY STAY. NO EVIDENCE WAS SEEN, HOWEVER, THAT EXTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES WERE REALLY REQUIRED.

3. COMMONLY EXPRESSED QUESTION HERE WAS WHY KEKKONEN AND GOF GAVE VISIT HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT. BELIEF IS THAT FINNISH DESIRE PROMOTE STATUS AS USEFUL NEUTRAL IN EUROPE WAS UPPERMOST IN FINNISH TREATMENT OF VISIT, DESPITE CONTINUED AVERSION OF OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES TO PRESENT SPANISH REGIME. BASED
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ON REFTEL, HOWEVER, WE INCLINED BELIEVE JUAN CARLOS

VISIT MUCH MORE IMPORTANT IN SPANISH CONTEXT THAN
IN CONTEXT OF FINNISH FOREIGN POLICY.
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